

6 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1785.

“ By the house of delegates, November 21, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate an extract of a letter from the honourable John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson; a letter from John Adams, with a resolve of congress, respecting the state of American affairs in Europe; sundry resolutions of congress; and letters from the board of treasury; which were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the above letter from William Smallwood, the petition from the inhabitants of Frederick-town, and the letter from Charles Biddle, Esq; enclosing the memorial from certain East-Indians, sent by John Smith, Esq;

On motion, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a message to the house of delegates, stating the difficulties this house have found themselves under, from receiving, at a very late period, the most important bills of the session, in which the interest of the state in particular and the United States in general are involved, requiring time for mature consideration; and also to state to the house of delegates, that we esteem it the duty of the legislature, enjoined by the constitution, to provide adequate and permanent salaries for the judicial department, to signify that the senate deem it absolutely necessary, that whatever salaries are given to this department should be permanent; and Daniel Carroll, Thomas Stone, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, are chosen a committee for the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the clerk of the senate furnish the printer of the state with a copy of the proceedings of the senate, to be delivered every Saturday.

Mr. Brice Worthington, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to approve, confirm, and ratify, the compact made by the commissioners of Virginia, and the commissioners appointed by this state, to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of Patowmack and Pocomoke rivers, and that part of Chesapeake bay which lieth within the territory of Virginia, endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, November 21, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; enclosing a copy of his instructions to the Messieurs Lyons on the 9th of August 1784, and also a copy of his instructions to the same on the 30th of April 1785; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 22, 1785.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to approve, confirm, and ratify, the compact made by the commissioners of Virginia, and the commissioners appointed by this state, to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of Patowmack and Pocomoke rivers, and that part of Chesapeake bay which lieth within the territory of Virginia, was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

The report of the intendant, with the books and papers, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

The letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; enclosing a copy of his instructions to the Messieurs Lyons on the 9th of August, 1784, and also a copy of his instructions to the same on the 30th of April, 1785, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

AS this is the week fixed by law for appointing members to congress, and as we are desirous of informing the gentlemen now in congress by the next post, should they be re-appointed, we propose to go into an appointment on Thursday next at twelve o'clock.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Mr. Turner, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1785.

On reading and considering the report from the commissioners of this state, appointed to meet the commissioners from the commonwealth of Virginia, to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of Patowmack and Pocomoke rivers, and that part of Chesapeake bay which lieth within the territory of Virginia, the house came to the following resolutions, to wit.

I. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that this state should concur with the commonwealth of Virginia, in making a joint application to congress for their consent to form a compact for the purpose of affording, in due time, and in just proportion between the two states, naval protection to such part of Chesapeake bay and Patowmack river, which may at any time hereafter